

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-7 and 17-97, 101, and 102 are pending in the application. Claims 18-23, 34-43 and 45-96 have been withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement, and claims 1-6, 24-33, and 44, have been allowed. Therefore, claims 7, 17, 97, 101, and 102 are under examination and rejected. The specific grounds for rejection and objection are set forth in detail below, along with applicants' response.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

According to the examiner, the amendments to claims 7, 17, 101 and 102 are not supported by the specification. Applicants traverse, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, the claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to prosecution in subsequently filed applications. The rejection is believed moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

According to the examiner, claims 7, 97, 101 and 102 are anticipated by various references. Applicants traverse, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, the claims are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to prosecution in subsequently filed applications. The rejections are believed moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The examiner is invited to contact

the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3118 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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